

Mr. WALSH. No, sir; it is not true.

Mr. PATMAN. To keep them from disclosing information to this committee. You haven't talked to them about it?

Mr. WALSH. I haven't talked to them about this investigation at all.

Mr. PATMAN. It is true, isn't it, that you have threatened trustees J. Alton Lauren and Richard J. Stephenson with dire consequences if they disclose information to this subcommittee. Is that true or false?

Mr. WALSH. That is false.

Mr. PATMAN. What did you tell Messrs. Lauren and Stephenson the results would be if they disclosed information to this subcommittee?

Mr. WALSH. I haven't told them anything.

Mr. PATMAN. According to the Wall Street Journal of August 28, 1967, you haven't paid any Federal income tax since 1947, is that correct?

Mr. WALSH. That is the Wall Street Journal again, and I am not going to admit to that.

Mr. PATMAN. Is it correct or not correct?

Mr. WALSH. I tell you that I am not going to admit to something that was published in the paper. You can assume whatever you assume.

Mr. PATMAN. Do you deny it?

Mr. WALSH. Yes; I do.

Mr. PATMAN. I direct you now to answer the question. Have you paid income tax, is that statement correct?

Mr. WALSH. That is a matter of my personal privacy. I told you I was under investigation by the Internal Revenue. It is a criminal investigation. I am going to stand silent.

Mr. PATMAN. For that reason you do not answer the question?

Mr. WALSH. That is correct.

Mr. PATMAN. Upon what legal basis do you contend that you are exempt from filing a personal income tax return?

Mr. WALSH. I will have to refer that right to the whole position that I take, that as long as this investigation by the Internal Revenue of the Walsh Family Foundation—I am going to stand mute.

Mr. PATMAN. Well, of course, that means that you would never furnish it because I assume—

Mr. WALSH. All right, if that has to be that way—

Mr. PATMAN. (continuing). That the Internal Revenue Service has all returns under investigation at all times, and any taxpayer could say that he is under investigation by the Internal Revenue Service?

Mr. WALSH. Not criminal investigation, Mr. Patman.

Mr. PATMAN. But you just refuse to answer. But you could state why you believe that you are exempt from the payment of Federal income taxes through your foundation, and things like that, and the basis for your knowledge?

Mr. WALSH. I have a qualified foundation.

Mr. PATMAN. You are credited with creating the ABC package, and then selling the idea to Mr. Hayes. Is that the way it actually happened?

Mr. WALSH. For more than 20 years I have researched this field. I brought the concept to Mr. Hayes after looking far and wide for that period of 20 years for someone who could adequately present the idea to the American public. Mr. Hayes' personal philosophy is that a man is as good as his ability to present a sound idea and gain willing ac-